PARDON

FORGIVENESS AND RELEASE

Pardon is forgiveness of an offense. It provides the offender with release from penalty; it provides the one granting pardon with release from bitterness. In effect, pardon is "letting go." Pardon removes the drive for revenge, and even the need to completely understand why an offense was committed. Pardon opens the way for reconciliation. To reconcile is to *restore a relationship*.

OTHER WORDS FOR THIS SEED:

- absolution
- amnesty
- forgiveness
- release

Pardon helps fill the human need for:
Forgiveness

Look up the verses below and note what they say about this seed:

Nehemiah 9:17

Psalm 51:1-3

Matthew 6:12-15

Matthew 18:21-22

Colossians 3:13

1. Where does pardon originate?
2. Why is pardon so important in my relationship to God?
3. A good example of pardon is …
4. How is pardon related to love?
5. How does pardon build the Body of Christ?
6. How well do I forgive others? Explain.
7. What will I do to be more forgiving of others?

WAYS TO LOVE

PRINCIPLES

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RESPECT
ENCOURAGEMENT
LISTENING
APPRECIATION
TRUST
INTEGRITY
ORDER
NURTURE
SYNERGY
HOPE
IDEALS
PARDON

FOR GROWTH

Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
- Colossians 3:13b

Write below what the verse above means to you.

*Dear Lord, thank You for the **pardon** You have given me. Please help me to graciously pardon those who commit offenses against me.*

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